Dear Jim, CONFIDENTIAL 3/27/75

I had a long talk today with the man who is responsible for CBS' order for WHITEWASH IV. He is an underling but one of the better informed reporters on the subject of the JFK assassination. Roger Fineman. I expect to hear from him again next week.

On his own he is preparing a memo to go upward through channels. He wanted to check parts of it out through me. I was blunt and honest with him. I also told him much in confidence. I taped my end only.

Les Midgely, who is responsible for the 1967 videowhitewash, is aware of WW IV.

There is an uneasy feeling fairly high up in CBS over that 1967 whoredom.

There also have been sporadic CBS efforts to go out on their own and do some rechecking. Not surprisingly, these efforts have yielded nothing. This man correctly understands and volunteered that the subject requires more than reportorial expertise.

He is uncertain of Midgely's inner feelings becuase M. holds them close.

However, 1967 seems to weigh heavily and there seems to be what could be called consciences.

One of those, you'd never guess, on our side, is Hughes Rudd. He interviewed Dallas doctors, but on film that was overexposed and ruined by the local affiliate when they processed it. But he redalls what they said. Naturally what they said is other than what the Commission did. This guy is certain that for them the key is in front-neck wound and the magic bullet. I told him that my work on both is quite definitive. And available, subject to my proposal to Playboy.

He is quite a perceptive guy. He wanted to ask me especially about the autopsy, on which he fixed independently. Then he wanted to ask me about Humes' call to Dallas and I discussed it with him. When I said there is a more important doctor you did not mention he came back promptly with the right name, Carrico. I then told him I had interviewed both plus having all the necessary documentation first.

We talked about 45 minutes. I think it would be wrong to take too much from this. It is a sign. Now it is no more and this is not a man of influence.

But it is a sign. Tonight's ABC airing may have a good effect on it and the possibilities his memo can have. I think it is not impossible that tonight's show will be an ice-breaker and can initiate some competitive interests.

We'll see.

Best,